

COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 80-60 (AS AMENDED)

Introduced by Council President Hardwicke

Legislative Day No. 80-19 Date July 1, 1980

AN EMERGENCY ACT to propose an amendment to Article IX of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, titled, Effect and Amendment of Charter, by repealing and re-enacting Section 905 thereof, titled, Charter Amendment; to provide for clarification of the time schedule for Charter Amendments becoming adopted after voter's approval; and to provide for the County Council in APPROVAL; TO PROVIDE FOR NEW FILING PROCEDURES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN lieu of the County Executive to publish proposed amendments to the Charter in at least two newspapers published in the County for five successive weeks prior to the election; and to further provide for the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with the provisions of Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, July 1, 1980

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: August 5, 1980

at: 7:30 P.M.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on August 5, 1980 and concluded on August 5, 1980.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. *Be it Enacted By The County Council of Harford*
2 *County, Maryland, that Article IX, Section 905 of the Charter of*
3 *Harford County, Maryland, titled, Effect and Amendment of Charter,*
4 *subtitled, Charter Amendment, be, and it is hereby repealed and*
5 *re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:*

6 Section 905. Charter Amendment.

7 Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by legislative
8 act of the Council. Amendments may also be proposed by petition
9 filed with the ~~County Executive~~ PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
10 and signed by not less than twenty per cent of the registered
11 voters of the County, or 10,000 of such registered voters in
12 case twenty per cent of the number of registered voters is greater
13 than 10,000. When so proposed, whether by legislative act of the
14 Council or by petition, the question shall be submitted to the
15 voters of the County at the next general or Congressional election
16 occurring after the passage of said act or the filing of said
17 petition. If at said election the majority of votes cast on the
18 question shall be in favor of the proposed amendment, the amend-
19 ment shall stand adopted from and after the thirtieth CALENDAR
20 day following said election. Any amendments to this Charter,
21 proposed in the manner aforesaid, shall be published by the
22 PRESIDENT OF THE County [Executive] COUNCIL in at least two
23 newspapers published in the County for five successive weeks prior
24 to the election at which the question shall be considered by the
25 voters of the County.

26 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted, that before this Act*
27 *becomes effective, it shall first be submitted to a Referendum of*
28 *the legally qualified voters of Harford County in accordance with*
29 *Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, at the*
30 *General Election to be held in November of 1980. There shall be*
31 *printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this*
32 *election the title of this Act, and underneath the title, on*

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1 separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the
2 words, "For ____", and a corresponding square or box to the right
3 of and opposite the words, "Against ____", so that each voter of
4 the County may designate his or her decision for or against the
5 provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes cast in the
6 election are "For ____", the provisions of this Act shall become
7 effective from and after the thirtieth (30th) day following the
8 election, but if a majority of the votes cast in the election are
9 "Against ____", the provisions of this Act shall be of no effect
10 and null and void.

11 Section 3. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that subject to the
12 provisions of Section 2 herein, and for the sole purpose of
13 providing for the Referendum therein required, this Act shall
14 take effect on the date it becomes law.

15 EFFECTIVE: Subject to the provisions of this Bill,
16 December 5, 1980
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Read the third time.

Passed 80-23 (August 12, 1980) (with amendments)

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By order

Angela Markowski Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 13th day of August, 1980

at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski Secretary



BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Thomas Ferrante
County Executive
Date August 14, 1980

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on August 14, 1980, for the purpose of providing for Referendum therein required and subject to the provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of the Bill.

Angela Markowski
Angela Markowski
Secretary of the Council

This Act, having been approved by a majority of the votes of Harford County, voting on the amendment (Question H) to the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, in General Election on November 4, 1980, stands effective December 5, 1980.

Angela Markowski
Secretary of the Council

Rec'd & Recorded 3-4 1981 at 1:00 P.M.
4-24-81 Liber 6 Folio 47 & examined per
H. Douglas Chilcoat, Clerk, Harford Co.

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